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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 23-41 and amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-19 (Canceled).

20. (previously presented) A method of manufacturing an optical identification element; the method comprising:

providing a substrate;

winding the substrate around a device to provide at least one grating writing section;

writing at least one grating into the substrate disposed in the grating writing section;

bonding the substrate in the at least one grating writing section to a sheet material; and

splitting the substrate disposed in the grating writing section to form a plurality of optical identification elements by cutting the substrate bonded to the sheet material without cutting through the sheet material.

Claims 21-41. (Canceled)